

Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind

Policies and Procedures

Section: 1200

Subsection: Medication/ Inhaler Policy

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Reference: ISDB Handbook

Purpose: To provide guidelines for Nursing staff to dispense medications and inhalers to students while on the ISDB campus and cottages.

Policy:

The dispensing of prescription and non-prescription medications at ISDB will only be done by the nursing staff and under the following guidelines:

- A. Prescription medications will be dispensed if the following conditions are met:
 - 1. The medication must be in the appropriate container listing:
 - a. Name of drug
 - b. Physician's name prescribing the drug
 - c. Name of drug store or pharmacy issuing the prescription
 - e. Specific orders for dispensing medication on label of container
 - f. Date of issuance of medication
 - g. Storage instructions
 - 2. Parents/guardians must provide to the nursing staff, in writing, a request to administer medication to their child, and set forth why medication was prescribed.
 - 3. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for furnishing all prescription medications for their child.
- B. The following guidelines shall be used when non-prescription medications are dispensed to students:
 - 1. The nursing staff at ISDB shall obtain written documentation from parents/guardians setting forth a request to administer medication and stating why medication is necessary.
 - 2. Non-prescription medication must be in its original container.
 - 3. Any product containing aspirin shall be accompanied by a physician's statement that the non-prescription medication is appropriate and permissible for dispensing to a particular student.
 - 4. Parents/guardians must provide all non-prescription medications.
- C. ISDB shall obtain from all parents/guardians of residential students written permission to administer particular non-prescription medications and emergency first aid as deemed necessary by the nursing staff of ISDB.

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- D. ISDB may use Tylenol, or its equivalent, in cases of fever, headache or pain for temporary treatment without the permission of parents/guardians.
- E. In instances where students become ill at ISDB and the parents/guardians request the nursing staff to take the student to a local physician, any prescribed prescription medications shall be purchased by ISDB and charged to the student's account.
- F. Students will not be permitted to keep any medications in the cottages. Parents/guardians shall be responsible for informing the nursing staff if a student is needing medication, and Section A or B of this policy shall be followed.
- G. ISDB shall maintain a comprehensive supply of medications for first aid treatment. The nursing staff on duty shall administer these medications as needed.
- H. ISDB retains the right to require additional information from the parent/guardian or physician prior to dispensing medication to a student.
- I. ISDB grants permission for students to conduct the self-administration of medication administered, by way of a metered-dose inhaler, for asthma or other serious respiratory illness.

As used in this policy:

- (a) "Medication" means a metered-dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic or other serious respiratory illness, prescribed by a physician and having an individual commercial label; and
- (b) "Self-administration" means a student's use of medication pursuant to prescription or written direction from a physician.
- (c) A student who is permitted to self-administer such medication pursuant to this section shall be permitted to possess and use a prescribed inhaler at all times on school grounds.
- (d) Students who require this type of medication should, whenever practical, maintain current duplicate prescription medications with the school nurse.
- (e) All such doctor's prescriptions and medications will be checked by the school nurse prior to being given to the student for possession, carry, and use.

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